

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant : Hirai, Mitsuharu  
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For : METHOD OF DETECTING OR QUANTITATIVELY DETERMINING MITOCHONDRIAL DNA 3243 VARIATION, AND KIT THEREFOR  
Examiner : Staples, Mark  
Art Unit : 1637

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application is a PTO/SB/08 Equivalent listing 6 references to be considered by the Examiner. The 6 references are provided herewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a final action and before the mailing date of a Notice of Allowance.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1)

I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Thus, no fee is required as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or to credit any overpayment to Account No. 11-1410..

Respectfully submitted,

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